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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Coronation Day

THE day which the entire British Commonwealth has been waiting with such eagerness has arrived — the Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second. And in Hongkong the excitement of the occasion and the avid desire to make it memorable beyond forgetfulness is no less than in the heart of the Commonwealth where the historic and profoundly moving ceremony will take place. But while today and tomorrow the Colony will rejoice in the momentous event and will give way without restraint to fitting celebrations and festivities, there will be no losing sight of the deeper significance. For the Coronation is both an act of consecration and of dedication. Furthermore, it symbolises the close relationship which exists, possibly even more today than ever before, between the British monarchy and the Christian faith. And it is this which provides one of the unbreakable links between the monarch and the British people. Of all the traditions which have been bred with the British monarchy none today is stronger or more lasting than the spiritual influence of the Royal Family, headed by the Queen, on the people of the Commonwealth, and to no small degree, it can be claimed, on many others who owe no direct allegiance to Her Majesty.

THE mood today is predominantly one of joy and good cheer. But the occasion is also one to promote thankfulness. For the millions of her subjects deeply appreciate that in the person of Queen Elizabeth there has come to the throne an illustrious, gracious and very human young woman, fully conscious of her tremendous responsibilities, but also fully capable of fulfilling them with devotion and humility. Nevertheless, duty and responsibilities are not for monarchs alone. Queen Elizabeth's peoples also owe something more than lip allegiance. Her reign can be made glorious and beneficial if the people over which she rules strive determinedly together to promote the common welfare and by their example uphold the same principles and faith to which the Queen will dedicate herself today.

# H.K. CELEBRATES CORONATION DAY

## Ceremonial Parades: Loyal Address And Church Services ENORMOUS CROWDS JOIN IN THE FESTIVITIES

**CHEERED BY THE EARLY MORNING SUNSHINE, THE PEOPLE OF HONGKONG FLOCKED OUT OF DOORS IN THEIR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS TODAY TO TAKE PART IN THE COLONY'S CORONATION CELEBRATIONS.**

Big crowds gathered around Statue Square to witness the ceremonial parade which opened the day's official proceedings at 9 o'clock.

In Kowloon also the gaily decorated thoroughfares were besieged with sightseers who turned out early to watch another ceremonial parade.

Later in the morning at a special meeting of Legislative Council a Loyal Address was officially approved, after which the religious aspects of Coronation Day were observed. All cathedrals and churches held special services of praise and thanksgiving attended by large congregations.

Coronation sightseers are promised good weather this afternoon for viewing the Dragon Procession.

The Royal Observatory said at 9.30 a.m. today that there was a likelihood of one or two small showers in the morning, accompanied by more or less cloudy conditions, but that the weather would clear up in the afternoon.

Moderate southwesterly winds will prevail.

## Brilliant Spectacle At Statue Square

It was one o'clock in the morning in London when the first of Hongkong's Coronation Day events took place today. In Hongkong itself, in Kowloon, and in the New Territories members of Her Majesty's forces stationed in the Colony took part in ceremonial parades to honour the Queen who will be crowned in a few hours' time.

The principal parade was held in Statue Square and inspected by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, wearing a white uniform and plumed hat with the red sash of the Grand Cross of St Michael and St George.

The Royal Navy was represented by contingents from HMS Crane, HMS Whitesand Bay and HMS Tamar, and the Royal Welch Regiment with its Regimental mascot, Taffy DX, a white goat, was also on parade, with members of the three branches of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force.

For the first time troops in Hongkong wore the new No. 3 Dress, starched white uniforms with stiff collars. Only the men of the Air Force still wore the traditional khaki, the Royal Navy being in their white tropical uniform.

The Governor, standing on a raised platform beneath the Union Jack, was addressed by the Parade Commander, Captain J. Howson, DSC, RN, and accompanied by him, inspected the parade, while the Band of the Royal Welch Regiment played rousing marches.

When he returned to the dais the Union Jack was lowered and the whole parade stood to attention while the Band played God Save the Queen. The Governor and officers saluted the flag.

The Parade Commander then gave the order to undress to the right for the firing of the feu de joie. After the first round of the feu de joie was fired the Band played the first verse of the National Anthem; after the second they

played the second half of the verse; and after the last round they played the full verse. The whole was perfectly timed — only one member of the parade blundered by firing his gun when the order was given to reload. The order was then given to remove headdress, and the whole parade gave three resounding cheers for Her Majesty the Queen, while the Governor and General Sir Terence Airey stood to attention.

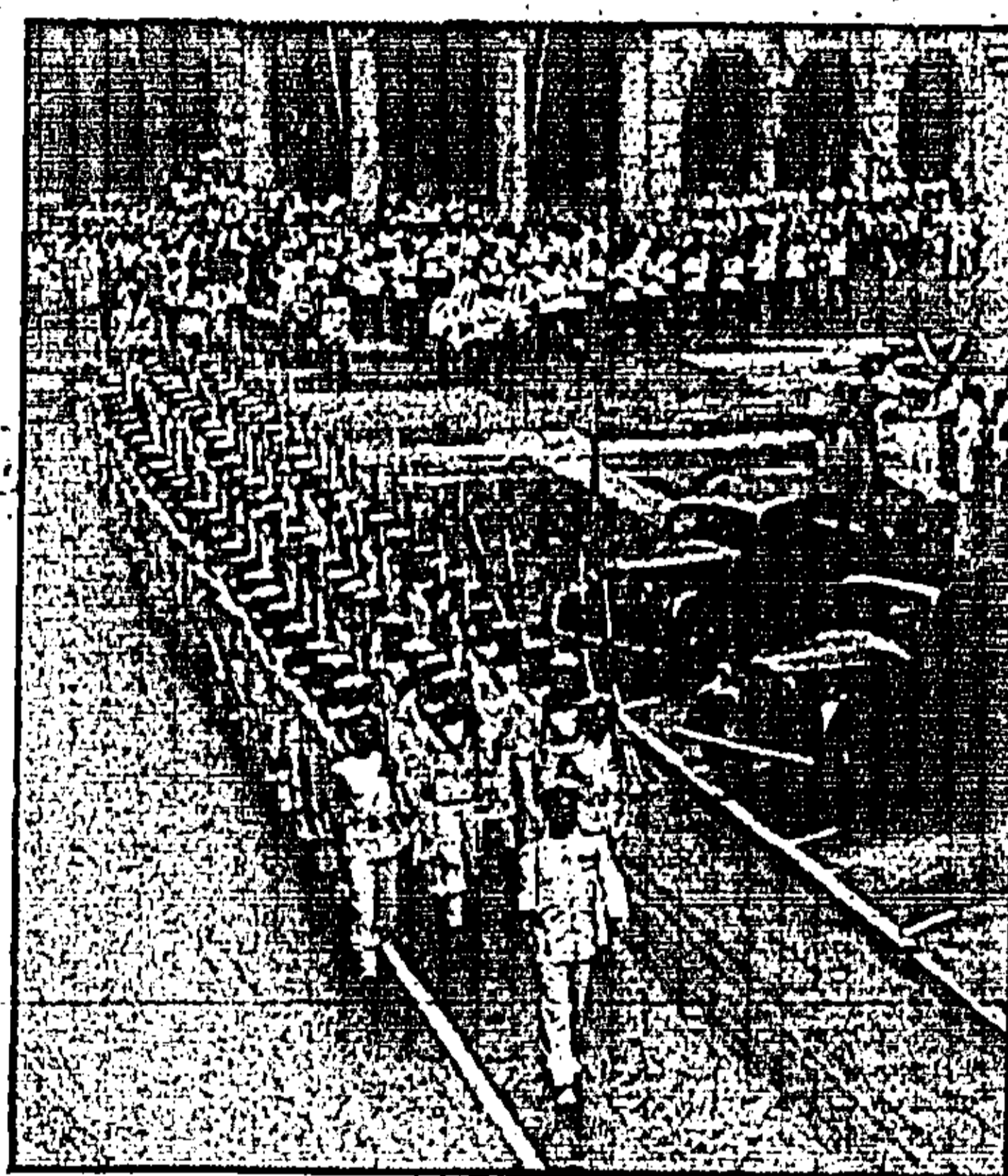
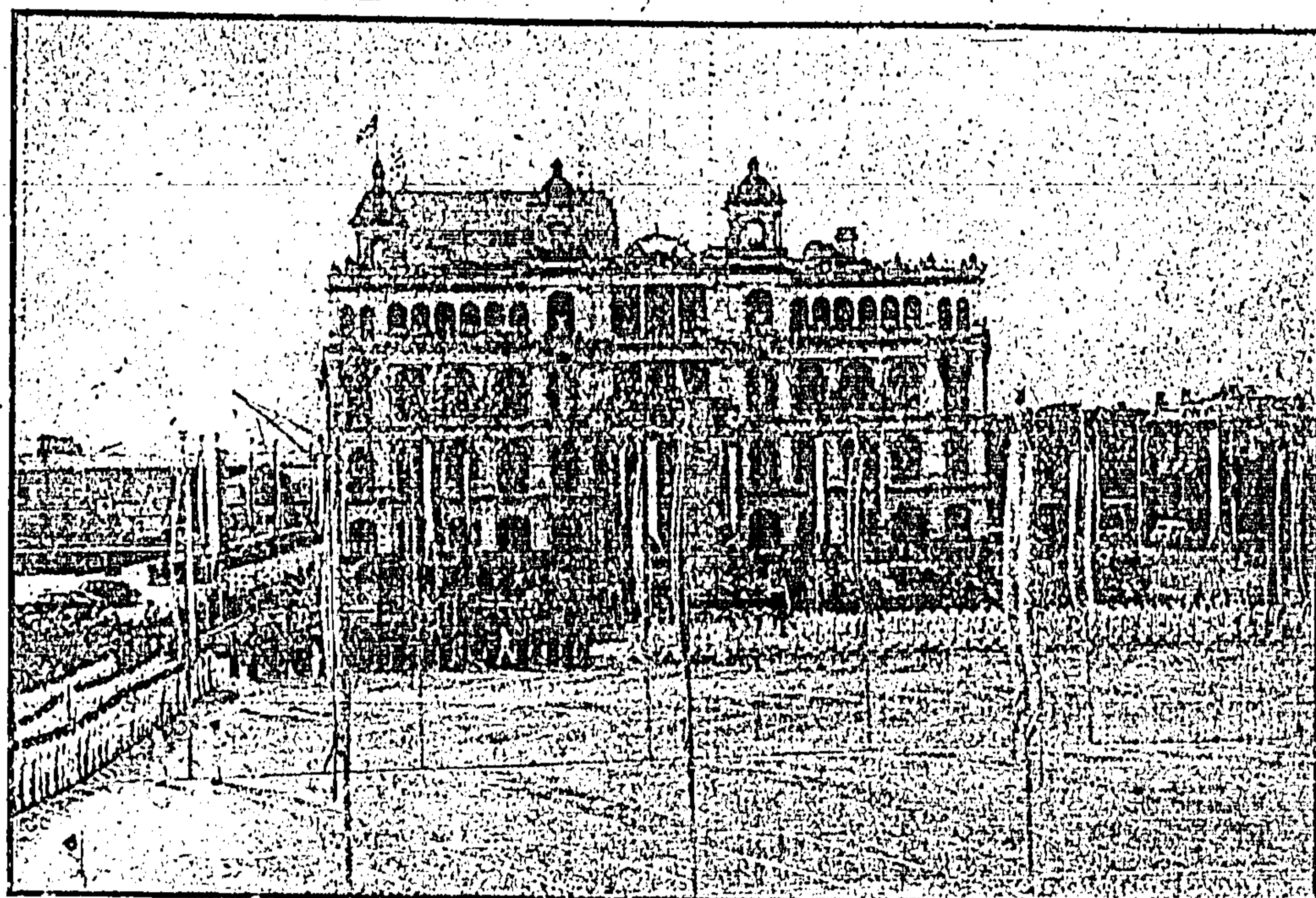
Bayonets were then re-fixed, with a sound like the rattling of machine guns, and the parade stood to attention while planes of the Royal Air Force flew past, saluted by the Governor.

Throughout the events Taffy, the white goat mascot of the Welch Regiment, stood without moving, wearing a red coat with the replica of the badge of the Regiment over her forehead. The first goal, incidentally, was issued as a ration to the Regiment in the Crimea, but was retained as a mascot, and replaced by a Royal Goat (Persian breed) by Queen Victoria.

A few seconds before the Governor returned to his car the proceedings were interrupted by a sudden shower — the watching crowd, as if obeying an order by the Parade Commander, put up umbrellas, or held newspapers over their heads.

Some ran for shelter without waiting to see the march past. Led by the Royal Navy, the parade then moved off along Chater Road, Pedder Street, Queen's Road, Jackson Road and Chater Road to the Dockyard West Gate where it dispersed.

Probably because of the earliness of the hour not nearly as many people turned out to watch the parade as the Police had anticipated. Barriers had been placed along the whole of the early part of the route, but although the crowd was three-deep (Contd. on back page, col. 5).



THIS MORNING'S PARADE. Top picture shows a general view of Statue Square where a ceremonial parade was held, and above, the marching column swinging up Pedder Street. — Staff photographer.

## Special Cathedral Service

A Prayer and Thanksgiving Service for the Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, was held at the St John's Cathedral this morning, at which H.E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, read the lesson.

Lady Grantham also attended the Service, which was conducted by the Very Rev. F. S. Temple (Dean of Hongkong), the Rev. Canon A. P. Rose and the Rev. George She, Cathedral Chaplain.

The Sermon was preached by the Dean during which he said: "The Queen realises the greatness of her position and seeing clearly, knows she cannot live for it by herself. She has made quite plain her Christian allegiance, her dependence on prayer and friendship with Christ. Here is no half-hearted allegiance. And so the Queen's Grace can become the grace of Jesus Christ. May we each make that our prayer and aim today, the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Shortly before the Service commenced at 11 a.m. the Clergy and Choir entered the Cathedral singing the Processional Hymn 443, Songs of Praise.

The procession was headed by the Rev. Deaconess Mollie Rudd, followed by the Rev. Canon E. W. L. Martin, the Rev. Canon Paul Tso, the Rev. Canon Edward Lee, the Rev. George She (Chaplain), St. John's Cathedral, the Rev. J. Gooch, the Rev. Erik Kvan, the Rev.

Henry Kwok, the Rev. James Poon and the Rev. Roland Koh. Leading the St John's Choir was Mr. Donald Fraser, Cathedral Organist and Master of the Chorists.

Following the Responses Mr. She in his opening Prayer said: "Brethren, we are met together to add our supplications to the prayers and thoughts of countless multitudes whose hearts are turning at this time to a place most sacred in the history of our people — the Abbey Church of St. Peter at Westminster. Thither our Queen is coming to receive seals her life's service and bestows God's grace for its fulfilment, and the Crown which is the emblem of her royal state. She will come as other Kings and Queens before her have come for a thousand years. Each prayer, each act in the solemn Rite, is rich in the memory of the long history through which by God's providence the Monarchy of this Realm has been preserved. Yet it is no mere relic of the past. It speaks still of kingship as a sacred trust from God. It speaks now of the hallowing

## COLONY'S LOYAL ADDRESS

In a formal, but none the less impressive ceremony at 10 o'clock this morning, His Excellency the Governor moved a resolution that a telegram of greeting and loyalty be sent to Her Majesty the Queen on behalf of the people of the Colony, and after this had been adopted, the Governor read the text of the Loyal Address to Her Majesty, signed by all those present.

Proposing a resolution of loyalty to Her Majesty, His Excellency the Governor said: "Today is Coronation Day, the coronation of our Queen, Queen Elizabeth II."

Although most of us have never seen her and though she has reigned only a short time, we are nonetheless aware of the character which shines out in her high ideals and courage and warmth of heart. She has already won our love and reverence, and happy and proud are we that she is our Queen and we her subjects.

Within a few hours' time in Westminster Abbey, at a holy ceremony of sanctification, there will be placed on her head the ancient Crown of her forebears. To be sovereign of a great country is a formidable and onerous task. To be head of a commonwealth as vast as

the British Commonwealth of Nations is an even heavier burden.

Our young and beautiful Queen has dedicated herself to the service of her peoples. She has accepted the position and responsibilities she was born to, but she has said she cannot bear them alone and has asked us, her subjects, to share her burden. If we prove faithful in upholding the hands of our beloved Sovereign and remain true to ourselves we shall also share in the glory. How, we ask ourselves, can we do this? We must share the Throne, but our task is to make the place where we find ourselves a better one. By adopting our Queen's high ideals, by dedicating ourselves to the service of those about us, by living honest, industrious and cheerful lives, we can share in the glory of her reign. (Continued on Page 2 Col. 3)

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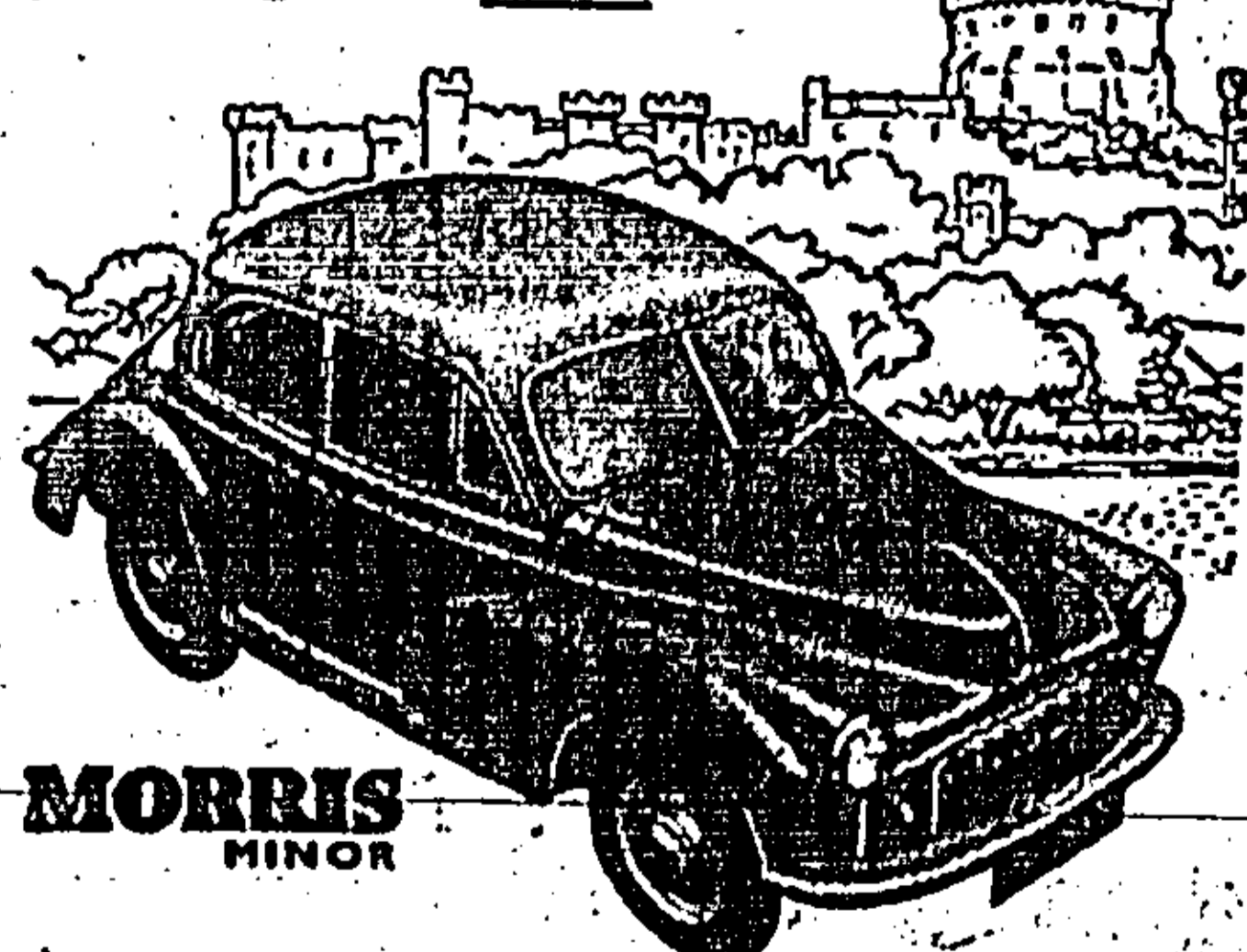
## Everest Conquered

London, June 1. Mount Everest has been conquered, according to a copyright message published in the London Times today.

E. P. Hillary, a member of the expedition, and the Sherpa Tensing were named as the successful climbers.

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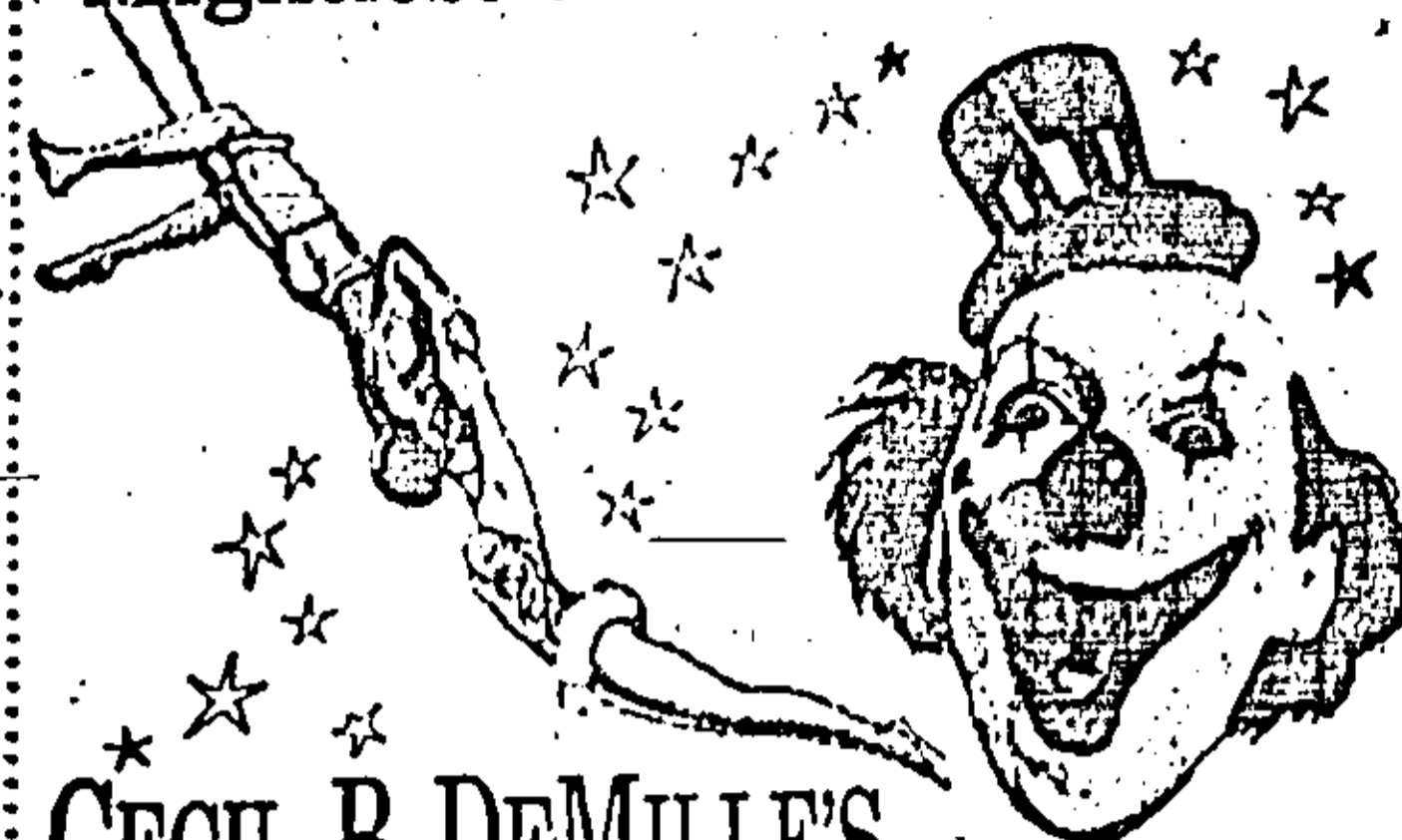
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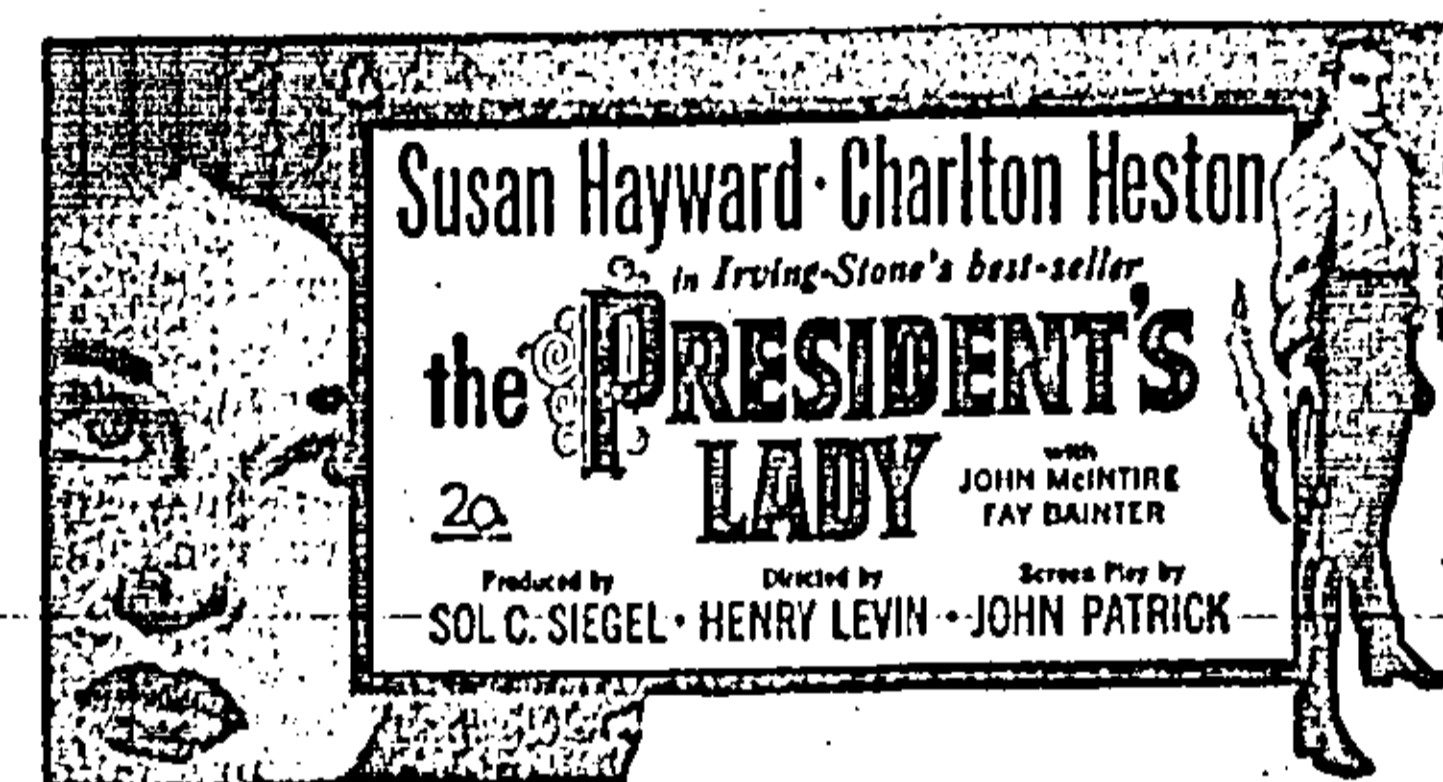
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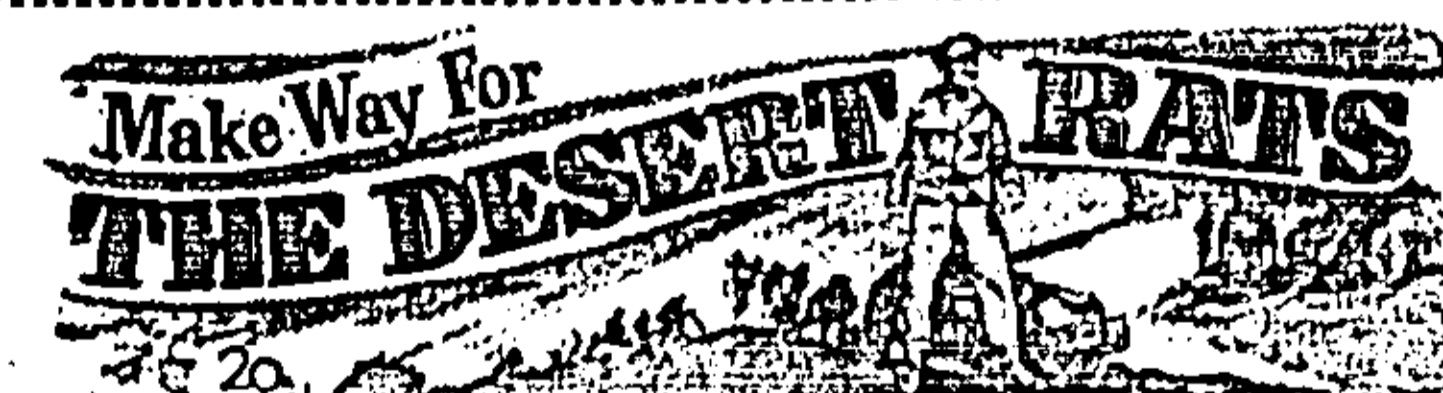
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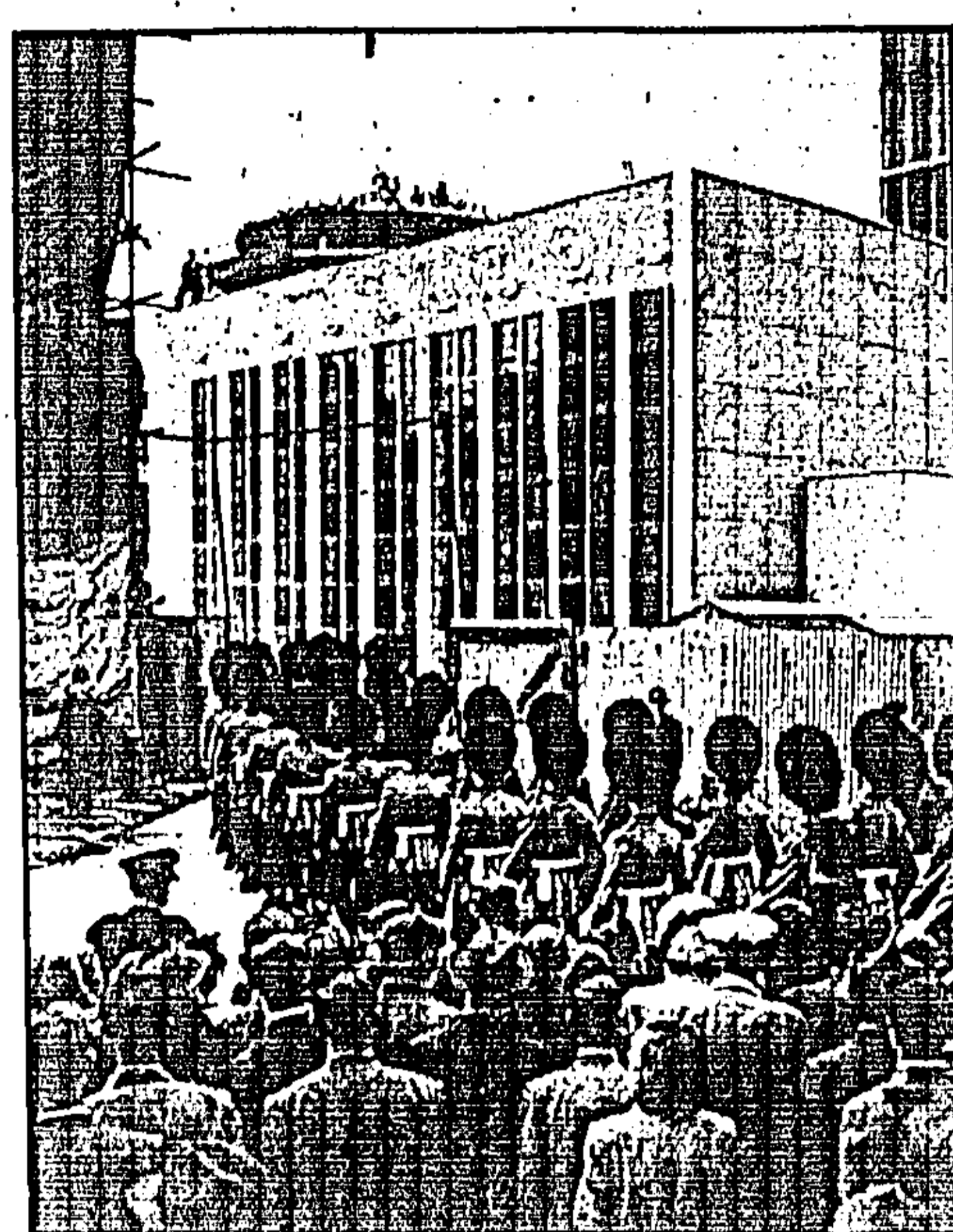
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In their scarlet tunics and black bearskins, men of the Queen's Company of the Grenadier Guards march past the Annex to enter Westminster Abbey for a Coronation rehearsal.—Reuterphoto.

## Colony's Loyal Address

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lives by praying to be guided by the same Wisdom that directs and protects her, shall we play our part in the great task of making this reign one of betterment and shining achievement.

Therefore we pray for our Queen, not only on this her Coronation Day but at all times, and in the words of the Resolution which is before us, "May her reign be one of happiness and prosperity for her subjects throughout the Commonwealth."

God bless Queen Elizabeth the Second.

**DOMINATING THOUGHTS**

The resolution was seconded by Dr. the Hon. S. N. Chau, CBE, who said:

Your Excellency has eloquently expressed the thoughts that dominate all our minds this morning. The eyes of the world are focussed today on Westminster and the hearts of countless millions of people go out to our young Queen as she stands on the threshold of what each of us hopes will be a long and glorious reign. In her youth and beauty we see the vigour and strength of this great Commonwealth of nations over which the rules and we pray that she will be long reigned and blessed in health and happiness to guide its destinies into still greater fields of glory and prestige. We fervently hope that her reign will be full of felicity for her, of enhanced prosperity for the Commonwealth and of tranquillity and peace throughout the world. In this far-off corner of her realm our hearts beat for her and she may be assured that she has no more devoted and proud subjects than we, the people of Hongkong.

It is my honour and my proud privilege, Sir, as Senior

Unofficial Member, to second the motion which stands in Your Excellency's name.

**TEXT OF ADDRESS**

The text of the loyal address is as follows:

To Her Most Gracious Majesty Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and of her other realms and territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, May it please your Majesty.

On the most auspicious occasion of Your coronation, Your humble and dutiful subjects in the Colony of Hongkong wish to express their loyalty and devotion to Your Majesty's Throne and Person.

Peoples of many races and many creeds dwell in peace, freedom and harmony within the narrow confines of this small Colony; by their common purpose, they have rebuilt from the chaos of war and captivity a haven of trust and hope where justice and truth again flourish.

Of the bounty of their blessings, Your dutiful subjects are both mindful and ever grateful and these blessings are abundantly enhanced and enriched by the heritage of allegiance to Your Royal Person as the Head of one wide and varied family.

Members of many other nations who enjoy in this Colony the order which emanates from wise and beneficent government, desire to join with Your dutiful subjects in tendering their sincere congratulations and good wishes to Your Majesty, and together, with reverence and affection, they pray on this memorable day that by the Grace of God, You may long be spared in health and happiness to guide the destinies of the great Empire and Commonwealth over which You are called to reign.

**THOSE PRESENT**

The members and distinguished visitors present at the ceremony were: H.E. the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, GCMG, H.E. Lieut-General Sir Terence Airey, KCMG, Commander, British Forces, Hongkong, The Honourable Chief Justice (Sir Gerard Howe), The Colonial Secretary, Hon. R.B. Black, CMG, OBE, the Attorney-General, Hon. A. Ridgeway, QC, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. R.R. Todd, the acting Financial Secretary, Hon. J.J. Cowperthwaite, Hon. B.C.K. Hawkins, CMG, OBE, Dr. the Hon. S.N. Chau, CBE, Hon. Leo d'Almada e Castro, CBE, QC, Hon. John Kwolek, CMG, Hon. C. Baker, MC, ED, His Honour Mr. Justice T. Gould, His Honour Mr. Justice A.D. Scholes, Hon. D.J.S. Crozier, Director of Education,

## Preparations For Important Big Three Meeting

London, June 1.

Sir Winston Churchill will ask the Commonwealth Prime Ministers here this week to back the line he intends to take on talks with Russia when this question is discussed at the forthcoming Western Big Three meeting in Bermuda.

At the Bermuda conference—fixed for mid-June—President Eisenhower, Sir Winston Churchill and the French Prime Minister will assess the prospects of an early East-West meeting at top level.

All the Commonwealth Prime Ministers are agreed on the desirability of such a meeting. But their discussions here will centre on its timing and any necessary conditions.

The visiting statesmen will give their individual appraisal of the genuineness or otherwise of Russian peace overtures since Marshal Stalin's death.

They will take into account the Soviet refusal to attend the Big Four deputies' conference on the Austrian state treaty on May 27.

The West considers that Russia's willingness to sign a treaty giving Austria full nationhood would be the acid test of her sincerity.

The eight visiting Prime Ministers will tell Sir Winston Churchill the Western Big Three meeting has the cordial support of their respective governments.

### FULL AGENDA

Sir Winston Churchill will give his Commonwealth colleagues a full briefing on the problems he proposes to raise at that meeting.

This is the full agenda for the week-long Commonwealth conference beginning on Wednesday.

1. Churchill will review the world situation.  
2. Policy statements by each of the visiting Prime Ministers.  
3. Discussion on Soviet policy, including the prospects for a new Western European pact, and a progress report on the Atlantic Pact, of which Britain and Canada are the only two Commonwealth members.  
4. The Korean Armistice problem and other Far East and South-East Asia questions including the war against the Communists in Malaya and Indo-China.

Sir Winston Churchill has announced Britain's full support for the new Korean armistice proposals by the United Nations negotiator Lieutenant-General William Harrison, at Panmunjom last week. Mr. Nehru, Prime Minister of India, said these proposals were close to the terms of the Indian resolution passed by the United Nations last December. This is also the view of Sir Winston Churchill.

The Indian resolution would place both Chinese and Korean prisoners of war refusing repatriation in neutral custody—but with a time limit for their release.

It is suggested India should be one of the members of the five nations neutral commission to handle these prisoners.

**MIDDLE EAST ISSUES**  
5. Middle East issues including the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the British base in the Suez Canal Zone and the Anglo-Iranian Oil controversy.  
Mr. Mohammed Ali, Pakistan's Prime Minister is reported to be willing to mediate if asked in the Anglo-Egyptian quarrel, General Mohammed Naguib, Egyptian Prime Minister.

Dr. the Hon. K.C. Yeo, Director of Medical and Health Services, Hon. K.M.A. Barnett, ED, Hon. A.P. Weir, Hon. C.E. Terry, Hon. M.W. Lo, OBE, Hon. Dhun Ruttonjee, Hon. Kwok Chun, Dr. the Hon. A.M. Rodrigues, MBE, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Shouson Chow, Dr. L.T. Ride, CBE, ED, Mr. J.H. Ruttonjee, CBE, and the Rt. Rev. R.H. Hall, Bishop of Hongkong.

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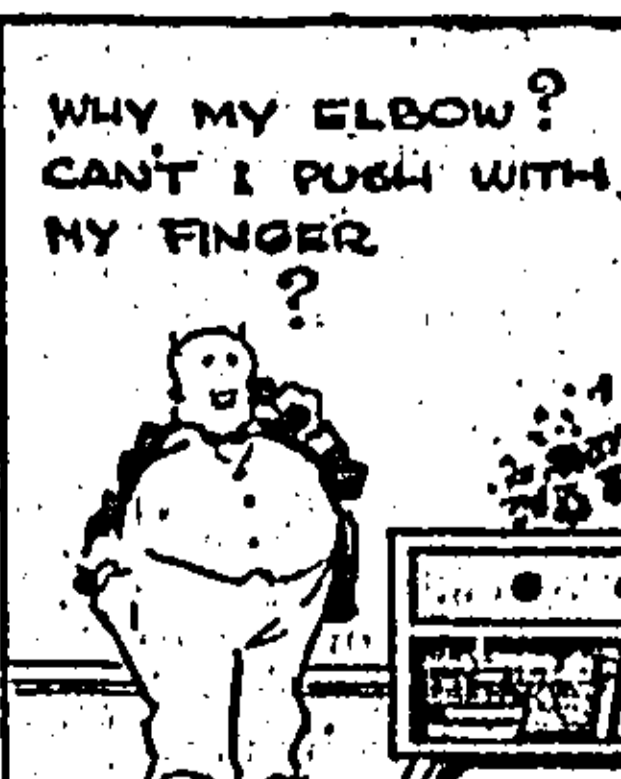
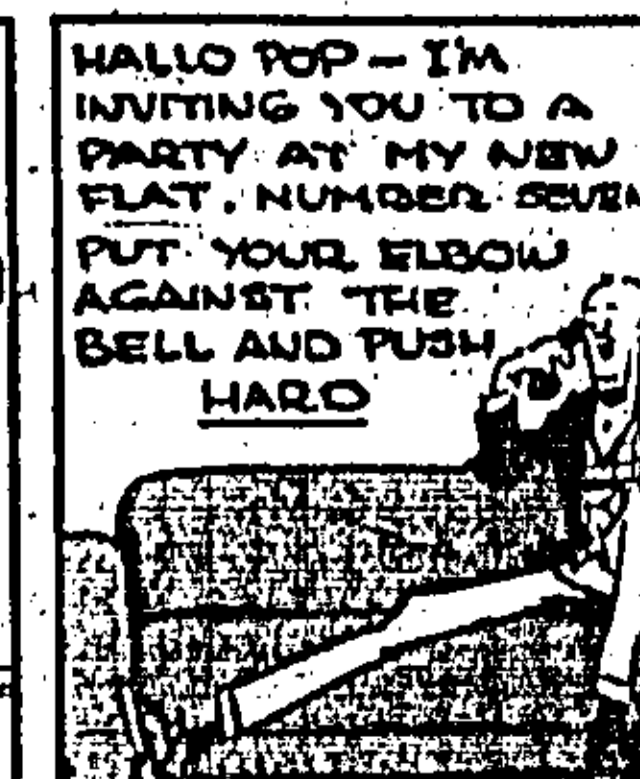
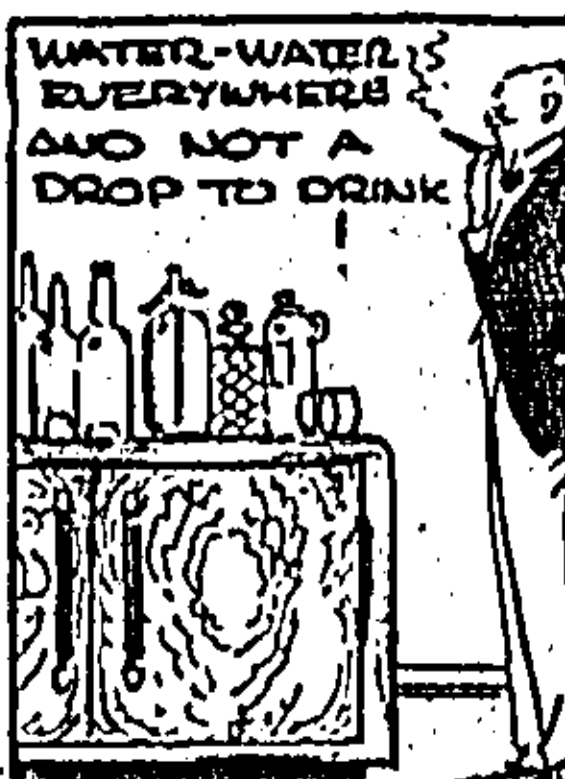


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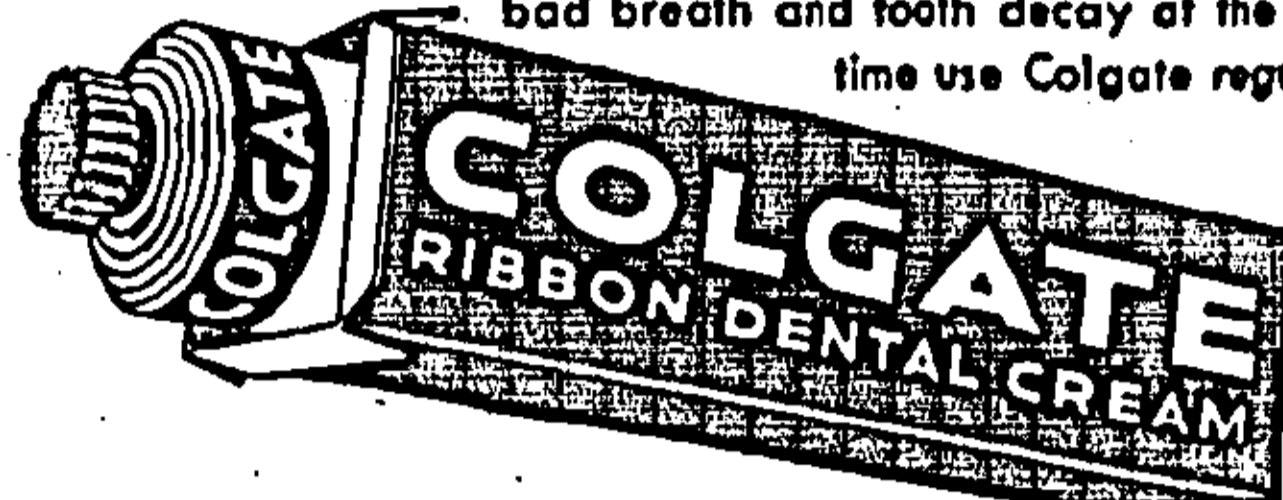


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# SOLEMN ORDER OF THE QUEEN'S CORONATION

66 IN the morning upon the day of the Coronation, early care is to be taken that the ampulla be filled with the Oil for the anointing and together with the Spoon be laid ready upon the Altar in the Abbey Church.

The Litany shall be sung as the Dean and Prebendaries and the choir of Westminster proceed from the Altar to the West door of the church.

Thus in grand and traditional manner begins the form and order of the Queen's Coronation.

This opening, so regal in its richness, goes immediately to the heart of the whole ceremony of the hallowing of Monarchy.

Using consecrated oil poured through the beak of the Golden Eagle, which is the Ampulla, into the pearl-incrusted silver spoon, the primate of all England anoints the Queen in the form of a cross.

Four Knights of the Garter shield the Queen from sight with a canopy of golden cloth as the Archbishop prays.

"So be thou anointed, blessed and consecrated Queen over the people whom the Lord thy God hath given thee to rule and govern."

### SACRED MOMENT

THE service has reached its spiritual climax and the Queen seated in King Edward's chair and the vast assembly gathered around her in the ancient shrine of St. Peter know this as their most solemn and sacred moment.

Stanley H. Bonnett takes you through today's historic ceremony in Westminster Abbey. The article is based on the book "The Coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II—Form and Order of Service," published by Eyre and Spottiswoode, Ltd.

From the arrival of the Queen dressed in robes of crimson velvet to her departure in Coronation robes wearing the Imperial Crown carrying the Sceptre and the Orb, takes 180 minutes—from 11.15 a.m. to 1.45, with the actual crowning at 12.30.

Here, in this order of service, is the minute-by-minute story, written by Dr. Fisher, the Archbishop, and the Queen he will crown.

Repeatedly, in recent months, the Queen has received Dr. Fisher at Buckingham Palace.

### QUEEN ARRIVES

THAT opening paragraph bears evidence of their mutual determination that the ceremony be perfect in letter as well as in spirit.

The printed Coronation Service for 1937, when the Queen's father and mother were crowned, omits the words: "for the anointing." The Queen and her Primate have had them re-inserted.

At 11.15 the Queen comes from the annexe, through the great West door and into the Abbey, now filled with the music of Psalm 122, "I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord."

"The Queen," we read, "shall in the meantime pass up through the body of the church, into and through the choir, and so up the stairs to the theatre, and, having passed by her throne, she shall make her humble adoration, and kneeling at the faldstool, and before her Chair of Estate on the south side of the altar use some short private prayers, and, after, sit down in her chair."

Next the recognition, which determines that this is the person who is to be dedicated to the office of Queen.

The people, says the service, signify their willingness and joy, by loud and repeated acclamations, all with one voice crying out "God save Queen Elizabeth."

In her Christmas broadcast, the Queen spoke of her coming dedication to the high duties of Sovereign.

Whether in the Abbey or sitting at home by your radio you will hear the Archbishop's historic question:

"Madam, is your Majesty willing to take the oath?" and back to the Archbishop, and out to her people everywhere the Queen will answer:

"I am willing."

Just as a Bishop is led through his consecration questions, so the Queen, stage by stage, is taken through her momentous promises.

She swears to govern according to the laws and customs of her people, to rule with law and justice, to maintain the laws of God, preserve the Church of England, preserve the rights and privileges of the bishops and clergy.

### MUSIC SWELLS

THIS done, the Queen leaves her chair and, at the altar, lays her right hand upon the Holy Gospel in the Great Bible, and,

"In the sight of all the people," she says, "the things which I have here before promised, I will perform and keep. So help me God."

To end this part of the ceremony, she kisses the Bible, signs the oath and returns to her chair.

The presenting of the Bible is the next act. It is made by the Archbishop and the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, an innovation which gives the Scots clergy their first active Coronation role.

Again the organ music swells, and the Abbey church is loud with the music of Psalm 84, "Behold, O God our Defender." The Communion service has begun.

This much television viewers will see, but with the ending of the Creed, the anointing ceremony commences.

Queen Elizabeth kneels at her faldstool and the choir sing, "Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire."

The hymn ends and the Archbishop leads the congregation, 7,000 strong, in prayer:

"O Lord and Heavenly Father, the exalter of the humble and the strength of Thy chosen, who by anointing with oil didst of old make and consecrate kings, priests and prophets... bless and sanctify Thy chosen servant ELIZABETH, who by our office and ministry is now to be anointed with this oil, and consecrated Queen."

As the choir sings Handel's "Zadok the Priest," the Lord Chamberlain, helped by the Mistress of the Robes, removes the Queen's crimson robe; and, uncovered, she goes before the altar, to King Edward's chair, "Wherein she is anointed."

### THE CROWNING

BEFORE the presentation of the spurs and sword, Dr. Don, the Dean of Westminster, assists the Mistress of the Robes to dress the Queen in the superlunatic, or close pall of cloth of gold, and a girdle.

Next the Queen receives the bracelets of sincerity and wisdom. Next the Orb, and after that Dr. Fisher puts on her fourth finger the Wedding Ring of England, the sapphire-set Queen's ring, the "Ring of kingly dignity."

In this part of the ceremony the Queen is given a glove for her right hand.

It is understood from London that the Queen has decreed that the glove be presented, but it is not intimated to whom the honour has been given.

In her gloved right hand the Queen holds the sceptre with the Cross, and in her left, the Rod of Equity and Mercy.

"Then the people shall rise and the Archbishop, standing before the altar, shall take the Crown into his hands..."

He prays for a blessing upon the golden Crown named after St. Edward, "and so sanctify Thy servant Elizabeth upon whose head this day Thou dost place it for a sign of Royal Majesty, that she may be filled by Thine abundant grace with all princely virtues."

Reverently, with the Queen sitting in King Edward's chair, the Archbishop places the Crown upon her head.

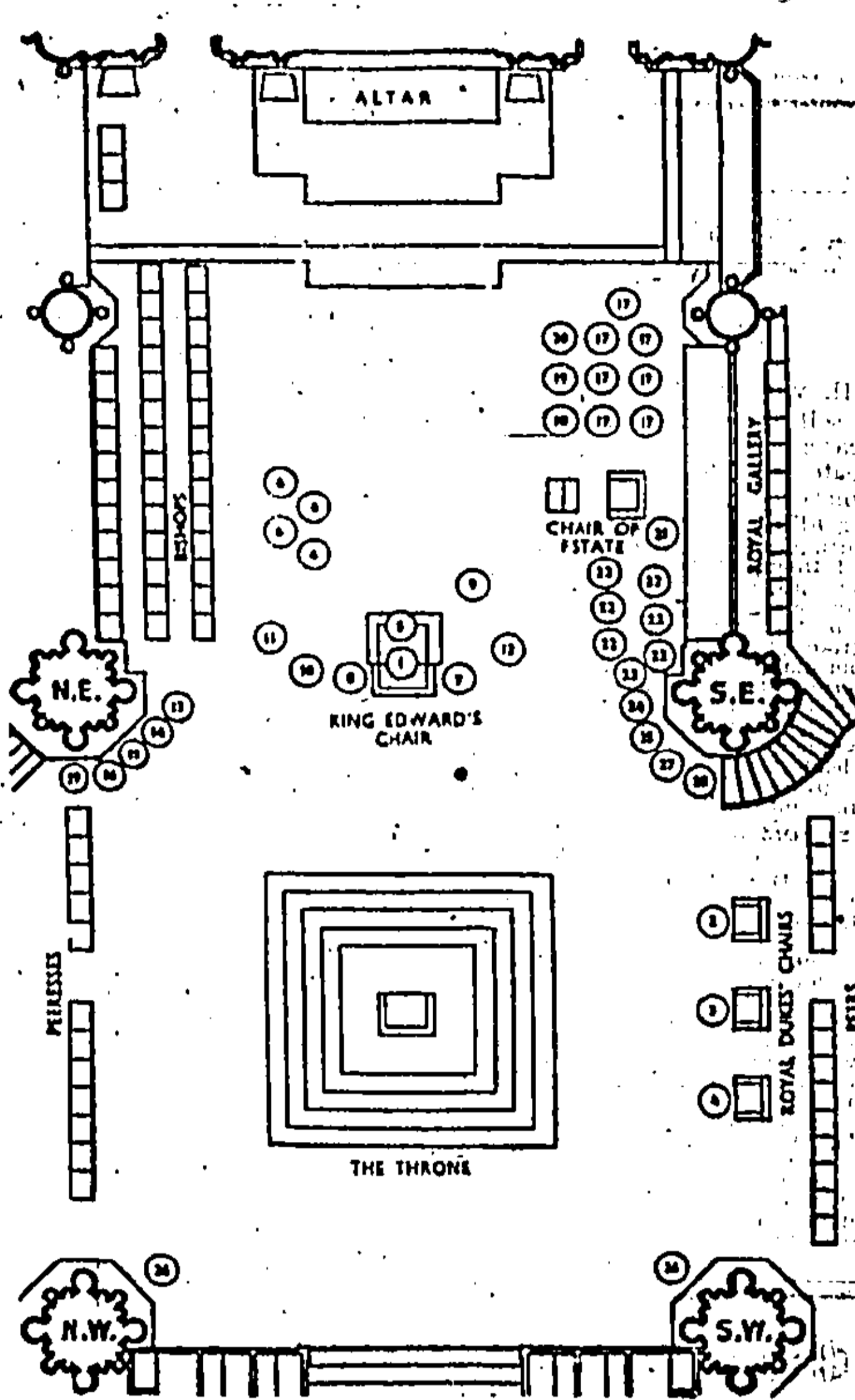
### THE HOMAGE

AGAIN the Abbey fills with acclamation and cries of "God save the Queen."

Elizabeth is crowned Queen, and at the Benediction Dr. Fisher says: "The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord protect you in all your ways and prosper all your handiwork."

The homage follows the enthroning. First to kneel before

### AT THE MOMENT OF CROWNING



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|---|------------------------------------|
| 1. The Queen                                | 16. Lord Privy Seal                |
| 2. Prince Philip                            | 17. Lords Bearers of the Regalia   |
| 3. Duke of Gloucester                       | 18. Curtains, Sword of Mercy       |
| 4. Duke of Kent                             | 19. Sword of Spiritual Justice     |
| 5. Archbishop of Canterbury                 | 20. Sword of Temporal Justice      |
| 6. Archbishop of York and Bishops Assistant | 21. Mistress of the Robes          |
| 7. Bishop of Durham                         | 22. Maids of Honour                |
| 8. Bishop of Bath and Wells                 | 23. Garter King of Arms            |
| 9. Dean of Westminster                      | 24. Black Rod                      |
| 10. Lord Great Chamberlain                  | 25. Lord Mayor of London           |
| 11. Lord Chamberlain                        | 26. Heralds                        |
| 12. Sword of State                          | 27. Lyon King of Arms              |
| 13. Lord High Constable                     | 28. Norway and Ulster King of Arms |
| 14. Earl Marshal                            | 29. Clarenceux King of Arms        |
| 15. Lord High Chancellor                    |                                    |

Official diagram showing the positions of Her Majesty and others taking leading parts in the Coronation ceremony.

The Queen is the Archbishop. He places his hands between those of the Queen's as he swears fealty and afterwards kisses the Queen's right hand.

The Queen's husband, the Duke of Edinburgh, is second, as the first of the Royal dukes.

The Dukes of Gloucester and Kent follow, then the senior peers of each degree—marquesses, viscounts, and barons.

This ceremony completed, the organ plays "All People that on Earth do Dwell" and the Queen goes to the Altar for the Coming of the Queen.

As the Queen kneels to make her oblation, she offers "a pall or altar-cloth, delivered by the Groom of the Robes to the Lord Great Chamberlain and by him, kneeling to her Majesty and an ingot or wedge of gold of a pound-weight and the Archbishop coming to her shall receive and place them on the Altar."

The Duke of Edinburgh kneels at her side and prayers are said for them both.

The Coronation of Elizabeth the Second is over and the Queen, arrayed in robes of purple velvet and wearing the Imperial Crown, with her procession, leaves the Abbey church where all are singing "God save the Queen."

## COLONIAL TROOPS WILL HEAD TWO-MILE-LONG PROCESSION

By William Russell

THE Royal Hongkong Defence Force contingent will march with five hundred soldiers, sailors, airmen and police of the Colonies in the vanguard of the two-mile-long procession when the Queen sets out from Westminster Abbey after her crowning.

These uniformed representatives of the Colonies are drawn from units which during the last war contributed more than half a million men and women to the Forces and 15,000 seamen to the Merchant Navy.

They will march at the head of 9,000 United Kingdom and Commonwealth troops, immediately following the leading detachment of Household Cavalry and four bands.

For the watching millions, it will be first and foremost a symbol of the links that bind the Queen with her peoples everywhere. But it will also be a reminder of the great contribution made by the Colonies to a common cause which cost 12,000 Colonial lives.

The Dominions contingent, 1,400 strong, comes immediately behind.

Home Guard, in khaki battle dress, will lead the Army in the United Kingdom forces which appear next. All other home troops will be in ceremonial uniforms.

Brightest tunics of all, those of the Household Brigade, will make a prancing blaze of scarlet, blue and silver at the head of a long line of coaches.

### Eight Rulers

Eight colonial rulers ride in the first four, among them the only reigning Queen in the procession apart from Queen Elizabeth. She is HM the Queen of Tonga. The other rulers are Sultans from the Malayan States, Brunei and Zanzibar.

Prime Ministers come next in nine coaches. Only Mr. Nehru's has no mounted escort. All the other Premiers are flanked by riders drawn from their own countries' forces.

Sir Winston Churchill, last in the group, is escorted by eight

horsemen of the Hussars, in which he once served as a subaltern in India.

Next come the carriages of Princes and Princesses of the Blood Royal, divided from the Queen Mother's coach by her escort of Household Cavalry. With the Queen Mother rides Princess Margaret.

Behind more carriages ride a distinguished cavalcade of high-ranking officers, including Lord Alexander and Lord Montgomery. Other senior officers follow on foot before the Queen's Colonial Escort and the Queen's Commonwealth Escort herald the approach of the Queen herself.

Eight serving officers from the colonies and 22 from the Dominions make up these two escorts.

Centrepiece in this colourful ribbon of pageantry is the Sovereign's golden State Coach drawn by eight grey horses. Among the royal bodyguard, marching and riding just ahead of it, are the Queen's Barge-master, 12 of her Watermen, and 12 Yeomen of the Guard, in their uniforms, men who will be in the procession, and the 200 unadorned, in design since the days of Henry VIII.

Wearing the Imperial State Crown and a robe of rich purple velvet, the young Queen is accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh in naval uniform.

Immediately behind her coach an officer flanked by trumpeters carries the Royal Standard.

A final division of the Sovereign's Escort brings up the rear of the whole pageant.

### Massed Bands

Massed bands—more than 80 of them—will provide continuous music as the glittering display winds its way through five miles of brightly decorated streets to Buckingham Palace. Pakistan regiments and the Gibraltar garrison each contributing a pipe band.

Nowhere on the route will the procession pause. And the only compliment to be paid along the route is to the Centrepiece in Whitehall. Here flags will be dipped in salute and the massed contingents will be in the order "Eyes left."

The spectacle will take an hour and 40 minutes to pass any given point. More than 14,000 contingents will be in the procession, and the 200 unadorned, in design since the days of Henry VIII.



# HE IS AFTER ROCKY'S TITLE College Boy Says "I Can Beat Marciano!"

By HAROLD MAYES

When a fighter gets hit on the chin, good and hard, it does something to him. Something, I mean, beyond the physical knowledge that he's been hit. That was never more forcibly brought home than in Chicago Stadium when I saw Jersey Joe Walcott reach the end of the trail.

You have to have known a fellow for a long time to be able to realise, as I did, just what was happening inside him. I first saw Walcott in the days when he was training for his second title contest, against Joe Louis, back in 1948.

He was old—older than his admitted age—and everyone in the light game knew it. But he was perhaps younger in spirit than many of the youngsters taking their first steps towards boxing's dizzy heights. He didn't care about the thought of punishment. He smiled easily, and fighters don't generally smile easily if they're scared.

He was just the same Walcott when he began training for his second title contest against the reigning world heavyweight king, Rocky Marciano. But during that period of conditioning he changed.

The young-old man suddenly, just four or five days before the fight, became an old, old man—one who appeared to me to be book with worry as to what might happen to him. He had, after all, taken perhaps the hardest single-punch knockout of all time just seven months earlier.

## CHALLENGER

I couldn't help feeling that that Philadelphia pile-driver was preying on his mind. The more I think about it in retrospect the more I'm sure that was the reason Jersey Joe played into the hands of Marciano by fighting the kind of fight which enabled Rocky to take him so quickly.

Something similar happened inside Ezzard Charles when Cincinnati night look-a-like beat the same Walcott to pass up the title to the old man. But because of the fact that Charles is younger—just 31—it wasn't so difficult to get it out of his system. Sure, it took some time, but after a lot of hard work and some impressive victories, the tall, moustached fighter is at peace with himself again, indulging in his favourite pastime of playing practical jokes, often at the expense of his two managers, Duke Mintz and Tom Tunney—and smiling easily at the results of his or anyone else's efforts.

That's why he's one of the top two contenders right now for Marciano's crown. Of course, he hasn't been hit on the chin by champion Rocca—yet.

But one fighter who has had that rather unnerving experience, and seemed to like it, is a good-looking New York college boy who lines up alongside Charles for the right to tangle with Marciano.

Roland LaStarza is the name. And if you talked to him, as I have done on many occasions in the last fortnight, you would wonder why some American boxing writers have christened him "Reluctant Rollee".

Reluctant? Well, does a chap who'll look you straight in the eye and say: "I can lick Marciano" sound as if he's leaning over backwards? Certainly not for my money.

What makes him so sure of his ground? What makes him feel that the risk—for risk it surely is—is worth it? Well, first and foremost, the 26-year-old son of Italian parents born in New York's Bronx is as honest as he's forthright, and with nobody more than himself.

## FOR THE MONEY

You've heard more times than you can remember fighters saying "Boxing's been good to me. None of that for LaStarza. I came into the fight game for what I could make out of it. I make no secret of that," he told me. "And how can I make money unless I get the big shot?"

What entitles him to that big shot, a September fight with Marciano which is a certainty for someone ahead of Charles? Roland's answer to that is: "Charles has had his chance. He's had the title, and lost it, so I feel I should get the next opportunity."

Are his claims based on a sound foundation? "What fiercer basis do you want than that I went the distance with Marciano in March, 1950, and lost only on a split decision?" he says.

That sounds fair enough. Many people have forgotten that Madison Square Garden contest. But not LaStarza. "I've lived it over so many times that I'll never forget it," he told me.

"If you looked at the record books you might think I got beaten ten rounds to nothing. But it was so close that both judges had the same markings on their score cards: five rounds to one man, four to the other, and one even—but with one scoring the five for Rocky and the other the five for me," he continued.

"Throw in the referee, Jack Watson, who incidentally formerly lived in Marciano's home town of Brockton, Massachusetts, and he scored it 6-5. Then he broke it down to points, and gave it to Marciano nine to six."

## TOUGH ROUND

"So I lost, and it could be but for those points I might have been Heavyweight Champion right now instead of Rocky. But the toughest thing for me was that tenth round. I thought I won it. Everybody in the Garden that night, the two judges included, gave it to me. But in the referee's book it was Marciano's."

"I punched Marciano around in those last two rounds. I felt that if I'd started that way earlier I could have knocked him out. But still I lost, or so they said."

## HARD HITTERS

"I'd be lying if I said Marciano wasn't one of my toughest fights, and what's the good of lying? He knocked me down, sure, in the fourth round, and I didn't know anything about the punch until it had hit me. In fact, I didn't know it had hit me until I heard the referee counting five."

"But I got up, went all the way with him, and I'm sure I won that fight. What's more, I'm sure I can do it again. Because I've twice been hit harder than I was hit by Marciano, and each time I got up to win."

"There was a big cowboy out of Oklahoma named Gene Gooney. Boy, this Gooney was a humdinger. He hit me so hard he very nearly had me knocked out."

"Then there was Walter Hafer, good puncher from Cincinnati. He dropped me with a right, but I got up to stop him in his. Marciano might put me down with a right, like he did to Walcott, but I'm sure I could get up to do the same to him, added LaStarza.

"That doesn't mean he hasn't

a healthy respect for the Marciano punching power. He's too wise for that. "They've said he's aggressive and never stops coming at you, but I've been saving myself for that shot, and if it's aggression they want, I can give it to them, too."

"They say he can take a punch and come back—but so can I. Just because I use my finger and try to force opponents into positions where I can make opportunities for myself I get called 'Reluctant', but I can assure you I'm not that reluctant. Give me that shot, and I'll show them," says the man who came into boxing only by accident.

Though his entry into the ring may have been by chance, there's nothing in the campaign that Roland and his quiet, good-natured manager, Jimmy DeAngelis, are running to get him his opportunity that is based on force of circumstances.

## LOVES FLYING

They feel they're entitled to the crack at the Champion, and with New York crying out for a title match this autumn, what better box-office contest than the title-holder from the New York City area fighter? A Marciano-LaStarza fight could so easily draw better financial returns than another of these efforts to defy the "They never come back" line by Ezzard Charles.

I recall "Dumb" Dan Morgan, the man who managed Jack Britton, the American fighter who met our own Ted "Kid" Lewis more than a score of times, once saying "If we could get a college boy, a boy with brains, who was big enough to fight and who was interested enough, we could get a great heavyweight champion."

Well, Marciano permitting, LaStarza could be that man. The reserved young fellow who impresses everyone he meets by his ability to talk on any subject, off City College, New York, to become a fighter—because he thought it was the quickest way to make a fortune.

He owns a Waco biplane, which he flies from Armond, in up-state New York. His brother Gerry, who flew Mustangs in Germany, taught him to fly in 1950, and Roland has logged about 150 hours. "And I just love aerobatics," he tells me.

## GOLDEN GLOVES

It was his brother who was also responsible for his entry into boxing. Gerry was Golden Gloves Middleweight Champion, and as Roland was around his size, they worked together in 1942. Roland fought in the Golden Gloves in 1944 and 1945, winning both years, and when he went home in 1947, after two years with occupation troops of the 88th Infantry Division near Trieste, he went back to school before deciding to turn professional.

He doesn't try to persuade anyone, least of all himself, that it's been worth it so far. His biggest, and his only real purse, was 13,000 dollars for his fight with Marciano.

Training, he says, "I used to like it, but I'm sick of it. One day in the sight of big money, I'll like it all right again. As soon as I can get out of it with some money I shall retire."

Yes, that's the kind of talk you hear from this brown-haired, 160-lb. fighter who stands just short of six feet in his size eleven shoes. He has big hands and broad shoulders, a 12-inch reach—and a will-to-do-as-as-strong as I've ever heard of any man in a tough business.

## THEY'RE TRIERS

He's got a hungry, fighter's never has been. His father, who won the State from the Rome region in 1910, owns a self-service store for vegetables, grocery and meat. But Roland's purpose is just as set as any fighter who has to fight to eat.

It may well be that when September rolls around, we shall see two American sons of Italian parents battling for the ring's biggest prize. If it isn't that way it certainly won't be for lack of trying on the part of DeAngelis and his straight-shooting fighter.

If it is, I'm sure there's no limit to how hard he'll go to prove that this house have not been idle ones.

## The British Games



Chris Chataway winning the Two Miles in the new British record time of 8 minutes 49.6 seconds at the British Games at the White City on Whit Monday, May 25.



Roger Moens of Belgium beats Gunnar Nielsen of Denmark in the only international event at the British Games which was won by a foreigner. Moens' time in the 800 Metres was 1 minute 51.4 seconds, the fastest ever by a Belgian for this distance.—Central Press Photos.

## Weather Puts An End To Hassett's Bid

London, June 1.

The weather ended Lindsay Hassett's bid to force victory against the clock in the match with Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Scoring 155 runs in 2 hours 20 minutes before lunch, the Australians left themselves with an outside chance of success, for with another 4½ hours to play they then led by 47 runs.

In two short spells, however, they added only 35 runs after lunch before a hailstorm, accompanied by rain and bid light, ended play for the day.

At 5.20 p.m., the captains decided to give up the struggle against the conditions. The most satisfactory feature of the match from the Australian point of view was the improved form of Hassett himself.

Hassett played his most convincing innings so far on the tour, hitting his strokes with delightful freedom and assurance. He hit 11 fours in his innings of 62, his best of the season.

Keith Miller was his usual commanding self for 63 minutes during which time he hit 48 excellent runs.

The Australian chase for runs was continued by Archer and Davidson, who shared an unbroken seventh wicket partnership which produced 61 in 40 minutes.

In the absence of Butler, who slit a finger while batting on Saturday, the Nottinghamshire attack lacked bite. Dooland's intelligent and well-controlled bowling deserved better reward than one for 63, but Greenwood sent down an innumerable bad length balls.

## WEALTH OF GOOD MARKS AT THE BRITISH GAMES

The British Games at the White City, London, on Saturday, May 23, and Whit Monday, May 25, produced a wealth of good marks, the most encouraging of these for British athletics being the many good performances by younger athletes.

Eighteen-year-old Roger Dunkley, for example, won the Inter-Counties Mile in 4 minutes 16.8 seconds, faster time than Lovelock, Wooderson or Bannister ever did at the same age.

In an era in which Britain has three outstanding Quarter-Mile hurdlers, a fourth reached the top flight in the person of Alex James, who beat Harry Whittle and Angus Scott in the amazingly fast early season time of 63.2 seconds. The British record in this event should come a cropper at the AAA Championships, if not earlier.

Chris Chataway was paced to his new British Two-Mile record of 8 minutes 49.6 seconds by Gaston Reiff of Belgium who covered the first mile in 4 minutes 10 seconds. Reiff eventually dropped out of the race, but Gordon Pirie in Scotland placed was timed in 8:55.6, equalling Chataway's previous record, while Freddie Green finished third in the very respectable time of 9 minutes 6.6 seconds.

In the 440 Yards, three newcomers to the front rank showed up in Peter Fryer, winner in 48.1 seconds, A. D. Sexton, second in 48.2 seconds, and Len Smith, third in 48.8 seconds. When the three met Oxford's Alan Dick and Terence Higgins in the AAA Championships, all five may get under 48 seconds.

Newcomers to the top rank, D. W. J. Anthony and Arthur Silbery, reached 104 feet 3 inches and 103 feet 6½ inches respectively in the Hammer Throw.

Schoolboy G. M. Schmidt vaulted 12 feet 8 inches and veteran Bill Nankville, coming down to the 800 Metres, clocked a very respectable 1 minute 52.8 seconds in third place behind Moens of Belgium and Nielsen of Denmark. A host of foreign athletes managed to win only one race between them in the international series.

**TRINIDAD FLASH**  
Emmanuel MacDonald, Baley's long reign as the fastest man in the British Commonwealth ended on April 15 when, at Kingston, Jamaica, 17-year-old Trinidad schoolboy Michael MacDonald clocked in 9.4 seconds for 100 Yards.

A fourth Jamaican moved up to a high place in the Commonwealth 440 Yards ranking list when Leslie Ling was clocked in 48.2 seconds on April 25. Ling will be remembered for his placing in the Olympic 200 Metres both at the London and the Helsinki Games.

**INDIAN MARKS**  
The 1953 Indian National Championships at Jabalpur produced some outstanding performances, notable among these being a High Jump of 6 feet 3½ inches by Ajit Singh for a new Indian record and another one in the 400 Metres hurdles by Joginder Singh, who clocked 55.8 seconds.

Ivan Singh set another Indian record in the 400 Metres with a time of 49.6 seconds and Sohan Singh set a native record of 1 minute 54.2 seconds for 800 Metres (he did 1:52.0 in a heat of the 800 Metres at Helsinki). Best performances by Empire athletes since June 4 last year follow:

**100 YARDS**  
Michael Agostini (Trinidad) ..... 9.4  
Rector Hogan (Australia) ..... 9.5  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 9.6  
John Treloar (Australia) ..... 9.7  
Bill Job (Australia) ..... 9.8  
Doug Winton (Jamaica) ..... 9.9  
Brian Butterfield (Australia) ..... 10.0  
Graham Gibson (Australia) ..... 10.1  
Steve Clegg (Australia) ..... 10.2  
Kevin Boede (Australia) ..... 10.3  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 10.4  
Brian Shenton (England) ..... 10.5  
John Carrick (Australia) ..... 10.6  
Broughton (Australia) ..... 10.7  
Dillon (Australia) ..... 10.8  
Brynmarch (S. Africa) ..... 10.9

**100 METRES**  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 10.4  
Herb McKenzie (Jamaica) ..... 10.5  
S. Neave (Australia) ..... 10.6  
John Treloar (Australia) ..... 10.7  
Brian Butterfield (Australia) ..... 10.8  
Hector Hogan (Australia) ..... 10.9  
Doug Winton (Jamaica) ..... 11.0  
Bill Job (Australia) ..... 11.1  
Ted Egan (Australia) ..... 11.2  
John Carrick (Australia) ..... 11.3  
Broughton (Australia) ..... 11.4  
Dillon (Australia) ..... 11.5  
Brynmarch (S. Africa) ..... 11.6

**200 YARDS**  
Michael Agostini (Trinidad) ..... 21.8  
Rector Hogan (Australia) ..... 22.0  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 22.2  
John Treloar (Australia) ..... 22.4  
Bill Job (Australia) ..... 22.6  
Doug Winton (Jamaica) ..... 22.8  
Brian Butterfield (Australia) ..... 23.0  
Graham Gibson (Australia) ..... 23.2  
Steve Clegg (Australia) ..... 23.4  
Kevin Boede (Australia) ..... 23.6  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 23.8  
Brian Shenton (England) ..... 24.0  
John Carrick (Australia) ..... 24.2  
Broughton (Australia) ..... 24.4  
Dillon (Australia) ..... 24.6  
Brynmarch (S. Africa) ..... 24.8

**400 YARDS**  
Michael Agostini (Trinidad) ..... 49.6  
Rector Hogan (Australia) ..... 50.0  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 50.4  
John Treloar (Australia) ..... 50.8  
Bill Job (Australia) ..... 51.2  
Doug Winton (Jamaica) ..... 51.6  
Brian Butterfield (Australia) ..... 52.0  
Graham Gibson (Australia) ..... 52.4  
Steve Clegg (Australia) ..... 52.8  
Kevin Boede (Australia) ..... 53.2  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 53.6  
Brian Shenton (England) ..... 54.0  
John Carrick (Australia) ..... 54.4  
Broughton (Australia) ..... 54.8  
Dillon (Australia) ..... 55.2  
Brynmarch (S. Africa) ..... 55.6

**800 YARDS**  
Michael Agostini (Trinidad) ..... 1:51.4  
Rector Hogan (Australia) ..... 1:52.0  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 1:52.6  
John Treloar (Australia) ..... 1:53.2  
Bill Job (Australia) ..... 1:53.8  
Doug Winton (Jamaica) ..... 1:54.4  
Brian Butterfield (Australia) ..... 1:55.0  
Graham Gibson (Australia) ..... 1:55.6  
Steve Clegg (Australia) ..... 1:56.2  
Kevin Boede (Australia) ..... 1:56.8  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 1:57.4  
Brian Shenton (England) ..... 1:58.0  
John Carrick (Australia) ..... 1:58.6  
Broughton (Australia) ..... 1:59.2  
Dillon (Australia) ..... 1:59.8  
Brynmarch (S. Africa) ..... 2:00.4

**1600 YARDS**  
Michael Agostini (Trinidad) ..... 3:51.4  
Rector Hogan (Australia) ..... 3:52.0  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 3:52.6  
John Treloar (Australia) ..... 3:53.2  
Bill Job (Australia) ..... 3:53.8  
Doug Winton (Jamaica) ..... 3:54.4  
Brian Butterfield (Australia) ..... 3:55.0  
Graham Gibson (Australia) ..... 3:55.6  
Steve Clegg (Australia) ..... 3:56.2  
Kevin Boede (Australia) ..... 3:56.8  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 3:57.4  
Brian Shenton (England) ..... 3:58.0  
John Carrick (Australia) ..... 3:58.6  
Broughton (Australia) ..... 3:59.2  
Dillon (Australia) ..... 3:59.8  
Brynmarch (S. Africa) ..... 4:00.4

**3200 YARDS**  
Michael Agostini (Trinidad) ..... 7:51.4  
Rector Hogan (Australia) ..... 7:52.0  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 7:52.6  
John Treloar (Australia) ..... 7:53.2  
Bill Job (Australia) ..... 7:53.8  
Doug Winton (Jamaica) ..... 7:54.4  
Brian Butterfield (Australia) ..... 7:55.0  
Graham Gibson (Australia) ..... 7:55.6  
Steve Clegg (Australia) ..... 7:56.2  
Kevin Boede (Australia) ..... 7:56.8  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 7:57.4  
Brian Shenton (England) ..... 7:58.0  
John Carrick (Australia) ..... 7:58.6  
Broughton (Australia) ..... 7:59.2  
Dillon (Australia) ..... 7:59.8  
Brynmarch (S. Africa) ..... 8:00.4

**6400 YARDS**  
Michael Agostini (Trinidad) ..... 15:51.4  
Rector Hogan (Australia) ..... 15:52.0  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 15:52.6  
John Treloar (Australia) ..... 15:53.2  
Bill Job (Australia) ..... 15:53.8  
Doug Winton (Jamaica) ..... 15:54.4  
Brian Butterfield (Australia) ..... 15:55.0  
Graham Gibson (Australia) ..... 15:55.6  
Steve Clegg (Australia) ..... 15:56.2  
Kevin Boede (Australia) ..... 15:56.8  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 15:57.4  
Brian Shenton (England) ..... 15:58.0  
John Carrick (Australia) ..... 15:58.6  
Broughton (Australia) ..... 15:59.2  
Dillon (Australia) ..... 15:59.8  
Brynmarch (S. Africa) ..... 16:00.4

**12800 YARDS**  
Michael Agostini (Trinidad) ..... 31:51.4  
Rector Hogan (Australia) ..... 31:52.0  
E. McD. Bailey (Trinidad) ..... 31:52.6  
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## DENIS HITS LESLIE IN THE FACE



A ball from Denis Compton hits his brother, Leslie, in the face during the match between Middlesex and Sussex at Lord's.

## THE SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

## TREVOR FORD GETS A £5,000 OFFER FROM THE ITALIANS

By W. CAPEL KIRBY & DAVID JACK

Trevor Ford has made the most of his junketing between Paris, Copenhagen, Malmo and Belgrade with the Welsh FA and Sunderland touring parties. He has been checking up on Italian football facts—chiefly financial facts.

The Sunderland centre-forward has a good reason for showing such interest. In his pocket he has an Italian club offer to deposit £5,000 in his bank if he signs on the dotted line, as well as paying the transfer fee required by Sunderland.

One fellow he bombarded with questions was Bert Turner, former Welsh international who figures in two Cup Finals for Charlton. Bert should know. He lost seven of his crack Malmo XI to Italian poachers, who are now after his left wing. That's why Bert is sleeping on the offer of a further three years' coaching contract there. "It's heart-breaking to build a side and see it ripped apart," he told us. Regarding that Italian offer to Ford, when will FIFA come down heavily on foreigners making the approach direct instead of conducting the business through the club?

## TWINS IN DEMAND

"I want them to take their schools certificate this month," replied Wrexham manager Peter Jackson when we asked how he felt about the Wolves offer to take his 16-year-old twin sons David and Peter under their wing at Molineux. We understand Arsenal made a similar offer.

"They can play right enough, but I'm anxious for them to have a job or profession outside Soccer," said Peter. Both lads are six-footers and play for Grove Park Grammar School.

"I should be proud and delighted, but you've never invited me," was Joe Mercer's reply to a League club chairman who had previously remarked: "I'm sorry you're not our manager, Joe." Makes you think, doesn't it?

## £40,000 REFUSED

What price did John Charles believe it or not when a First Division club inquired recently? Leeds informed them they had already refused a £40,000 offer for the Welsh international centre-half-cum-inside-forward.

The inquirer was flabbergasted. So are we. As our informant so rightly exclaimed: "If the offer was serious why on earth didn't Leeds clinch the deal and buy a couple of good players with the money?"

Who's the best South African footballer in Britain—Bill Perry (Blackpool), Eddie Firmani, John Hewle (Charlton), or Norman Nielson (Derby County)?

Guess again. Our Dundee friends assure us that right half Ken Zeising, 6 ft., 12½ stone, former inside forward, is outstanding in the present crop. They're even prepared to wager that Zeising is the greatest Springbok ever to visit Britain. What do you think, Gordon Hodgson or Nivvy?

Russian weight-lifters, acknowledged to be the best in the world, are in for a shock if official recognition is obtained for the efforts of George Nikitina, a young West Indies strongman. Russian lightweight Nikitina won't top of the world last month when he set up a

new world record press of 249 lb. Now comes news from Barbados that Nikitina, an unknown fighter, has pressed 250 lb.—a feat which the West Indians hope will be recognised by the International Federation. While Nikitina did special training for his lift, Nikitina had put in a full day's work loading boxes of sugar before setting up his figures.

About half a dozen clubs have made inquiries about Ralph Goffe, Chelsea centre-half on the transfer list. Watford have been the most keen to know all about the Stamford Bridge players, is keen.

"We are negotiating for three players of international calibre and when we sign them it will create a sensation," chairman Nicholson's parting shot when we left the Sunderland party in Scandinavia.

It is common knowledge that Arsenal's Ray Daniel is fancied on Wearside to replace Fred Hall, but who are the other two?

One could be Jackie Henderson, the Portsmouth centre-forward Scotland capped at outside-right. That leaves one. Your guess is as good as ours.

Next season the name of Derek Flewin may be added to the growing list of amateurs figuring in League football.

Derek, who has already represented Lancashire, played some storming games for Oldham's second string at inside left. He is 21 and hails from the Lytham district.

"I would sign him on professional terms if he was interested," says manager George Hardwick.

Bristol Rovers, new boys in Second Division, play their first Saturday home match next term against relegated Derby County. Says Rovers secretary John Gummow: "It looks as if we shall have the house full of notices in the first week of the season."

Derby outside left Hugh McLaren, incidentally, could be playing against his present club, Bristol Rovers, are interested in the former Kilmarnock player.

Inside forward Arthur Dixon, a £10,000 man when Leicester City bought him from Northampton Town, is back in Scotland waiting to get fixed with a new club.

Bill Moss, manager of Gravesend, and Northfleet, is willing to talk business with Dixon.

seeing the ball as well as ever this season. "Ah, yes, but what about the tourists' run of easy victories during the past weeks?" I still repeat, despite everything that has happened, that Englishmen can view the coming Test series with optimism.

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IT'S ALAN MORTON

"Most promising 15-year-old in football today." That's how a young Newcastle schoolboy was described to us after he had mesmerised a Scottish schoolboys' XI at Cappellew recently.

His name? Believe it or not, it's Alan Morton, and he's a left-winger.

We were interested to read that Chelsea were negotiating for the transfer of Shamrock Rovers' full-back Burke. So was Chelsea manager Ted Drake, who tells us: "I've never heard of Burke, let alone thought of signing him."

Ever heard of the hanging garden, balancing fish, hip rocket or torn strip?

Neither had we until we read "Judo and Judo-Do" by Klingor Klingorstorff (Jenkins, 7s. 6d.), and discovered they were all judo movements.

We recommend this book to those who believe in self-preservation. Test match umpires, Wimbledon tennis linesmen and Soccer managers, for instance...

WITH A SMILE

How many professional footballers are doing their National Service without being compelled? One we've been told about is Rangers' outside-left Johnny Hubbard—now doing his two years in the RAF.

Hubbard, a South African, wasn't called up but as he was earning his living in Britain, he thought he should fall into line with everyone else.

Lancashire fast bowler Colin Smith—don't mention his name in Kent, where several of the county side are still bruised following the Lancashire game—has an interesting off-duty occupation. Smith is a cartoonist and, according to Empire News pin-up man, Mick Durling, is good enough to earn his living as an artist.

Charlton Athletic inside forward Riley Cullum has stated that he will give up football and go into business. We wonder if Cullum will change his mind when he hears that a Southern League club is prepared to offer him top wages if he joins them next season?

Another of Charlton's transfer-listed players, goalkeeper Eddie Marsh, would be welcomed by the same Southern League club.

Bob Anderson gave 27 years' service as Warrington's representative on the Lancashire Rugby League Committee. Now it's won him life membership. His successor is another licensee, Ben Oxley. A town schoolboy player 40 years ago, Ben is set to win the esteem his predecessor has earned.

## I STILL SAY ENGLAND WILL WIN THE TEST SERIES

Says PATSY HENDREN

Judging from the many statements I have heard and read during the last few weeks—yes, even months—from Australian sources, it seems hardly worthwhile playing the forthcoming Test series at all! England hasn't a chance....

Stan McCabe, against whom I played often in Test cricket, is sure that "Australia will win easily—by a comfortable margin...." He then gives his reasons—"greater batting strength and more bowling variety."

Now Stan McCabe caught me out in a Test match at Lord's on one occasion, but I cannot let him catch me out on this point. I am no gum-faced pessimist, and I view England's Test prospects with considerable optimism. I will go further and say that Lindsay Hassett and his men will leave the Ashes behind them when they return home.

I am not going to suggest England will win all five Tests, nor that she has an unbeatable team—not a bit of it. The fortunes of cricket are too dependent upon the luck of the toss and the vagaries of the weather for me to be that dogmatic, but I am confident the England team will win more Tests than it will lose, this summer.

I expect many of you will say "Ah, yes, but what about the tourists' run of easy victories during the past weeks?" I still repeat, despite everything that has happened, that Englishmen can view the coming Test series with optimism.

VERY DIFFERENT

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Mind you, the England eleven will need its share of fortune. No Test series has ever been won without some degree of luck. As soccer players would say, England will want the ball to "run right" for her. So if it can only get a favourable start, I am certain the English team will give a first-class account of itself.

In any event, despite all I have heard—and in spite of these early results, I cannot see the present Australian side becoming as powerful as that of 1921, or even of 1948. It is my honest opinion that Australia's cricket strength has gone back, while England

has gone forward. This is the first of three hard-hitting articles by PATSY HENDREN, brilliant and popular England Test batsman of pre-war days, who is confident England can regain those coveted Ashes.

HENDREN does not share Stan McCabe's view that Australia will defeat the Old Country. In this series he tells why.

cricket, on the other hand, shows increasing signs of returning to pre-war standard. That, in itself, gives weight to my contention that the result of the Test rubber is not the foregone conclusion some of my Australian friends would have us believe.

If I have one criticism of contemporary English cricket, it is that some of them are not as aggressive as they might be, nor do they show the same ruthless outlook on the Tests as do the men from "Down Under". I am not suggesting England has no fighters—she has as many today as she had in the past and

In Len Hutton, the Old Country has a captain who will take every advantage—every fair advantage, I mean—in an effort to arrest back the Ashes. There will be no timidity on Hutton's part. He proved that against the Indians, last season.

So if the skipper can impart some of his Yorkshire fighting qualities into the team—and if the selectors pick MEN IN FORM, and don't make their selections because of any sentimental reason—and I am quite sure, Norman Yardley, Bob Wyatt, Freddie Brown and Leslie Ames will do their job properly without any suggestions from me—then England need not fear the outcome of the Tests.

Stan McCabe and all those other former Australian Test stars who have predicted the complete annihilation of English cricket, will be forced to eat their words.

Next article: Hard-hitting Hendren thinks England's batsmen best.

## More Than One "Frozen Ball" Controversy

Moscow, May 31. The Egyptian basketball team at the European Championship meeting in Moscow has refused to play its scheduled match at 3 p.m. today, a spokesman for the Egyptians announced this morning.

The Egyptian team included five Army officers and four police officers—and Egypt is still technically at war with Israel.

The Lebanese team, in a qualifying match three days ago, also refused to play the Israelis. The Egypt-Israeli game will be forfeited to Israel, making the Israelis leading team, with four wins and no defeats.

An official of the European Basketball Federation met today to hear Arab countries' explanation why they are unable to meet Israel in basketball games.

## NEW RULES

The official also discussed new rules for the game, principally one that will prevent a team leading in a game from freezing a ball.

Freezing means a team which is ahead gets the ball and passes it back and forth to kill time and let the clock run out so it can remain ahead in the score. Saturday, the Soviet team, which has a small lead over Hungary, froze the ball for 13 minutes and 18 seconds of the final period.

"Obviously," said a federation official, "this is a glaring weakness in our rules. We are going to have to make a change." The official said countries may be asked to approve a rule limiting the area in which the ball can be frozen.

"It will be an area much smaller than that presently used," he explained.—Associated Press.

## NEARULA MAY START IN THE EPSOM DERBY

Mallon, Yorkshire, June 1. Trainer Captain C. Eisey stated today that there was now every chance of the former favourite, Nearula, being started for the Derby on Saturday.

Nearula, who went lame recently, was given a spin on a mile and a half at the gallops this morning, ridden by Edgar Britt.

Afterwards Captain Eisey said: "The colt went very well. I was very pleased with him."—Reuter.

London, June 1. King of the Turf, who will not run in the Derby on Saturday, his owner, Mr. Frank W. Dennis, stated today.

He said he would be represented in the race by Durham Castle.—Reuter.

HKFA MEETING

A meeting of the HKFA Council will be held at the Association's office on Monday, June 8 at 5.30 p.m. to consider and/or approve certain recommendations of the draft Memorandum and Articles of Association and the draft Rules of the Association.

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# A Vicious Economic Circle Of Rising Wages And Costs PROBLEM CONFRONTING UK SHIPPING INDUSTRY

## British Transport In Decay

Capital investment for the improvement of Britain's transport system has been pitifully inadequate since the war. Yet even today, when the raw materials essential to the reconstruction of roads and railways are more freely available, there are few signs of any major change in official policy on the subject.

A recent article in The Financial Times by the president of the Institute of Transport gave ample illustration of governmental failure to do more than pay lip-service to the economies that can be achieved by road building on a realistic scale. The picture is similar on the railways. The fact that schemes which are now authorized or in progress for railway improvement amount to £40m. appears impressive. But in fact it does no more than underline the difficulties which the Railway Executive has had to face in planning the necessary schemes of reconstruction.

**STEEL AND IRON**  
The limitation of both money and steel has prevented the carrying out of little more than essential truck maintenance, which must take first priority, and a few selected schemes of improvement and development. The allocation of funds for any one year has often been too small for the full amount to be used, while steel rationing has severely limited supplies for one of the country's largest steel users.

Considerable economies have been made on running railways through the improvement of operating efficiency, but the fundamental needs have been barely touched. The present railway system was laid down over 100 years ago when the country's economy was very different from today. No other industry could have survived with so little equipment, and in the long run it will be the U.K. as a whole which will suffer from the neglect of the transport system through the ever-increasing addition to costs which it must involve.

**WORST FORM**  
Earlier this year Mr A. J. Pearson of the Railway Executive put the sum which could profitably be invested in the railways at £500m. over the next ten years.

What has happened, however, and appears likely to continue to happen, is that capital expenditure on the railways and on the roads has constituted a continually diminishing percentage of the national total.

Investment in the roads and railways does not show an immediate return. It demands an act of faith and of courage not only to accept the evidence of transport economists but also to act upon it.

There has too long been public and official indifference to ensuring that accidents should be reduced as far as possible.

But apart from the humane aspect of the transport problem which is stressed in a letter from a correspondent, it is clear that both on the roads and railways parsimony now will in the near future prove to have been the worst form of economy. —The Financial Times.

## COTTON LOOMS CENSUS

Tall, distinguished-looking Norman Pearce, secretary of the Master Spinners' International, has just completed a month's task of combing the world for cotton looms statistics without leaving his Manchester Royal Exchange office, relying on phone wire and air mail communication to help him count the world's cotton looms. It was the first census for 10 years. Discovering how many looms there are clanking in mills from Korea to Chile and back to Lancashire would have been much easier for Mr Pearce if everyone spoke the same language. He has found that the world total of cotton looms last year stood at 2,730,000, against 3,060,000 of the 1938 census and that the hours worked by British looms were lowest among 40

London, May 31.  
The path of the British shipping industry seems to be constantly beset with difficulties. As soon as one is overcome, then another arises to take its place.

One of the thorniest of these problems has for some considerable time been the vicious economic circle of rising wages and rising costs.

Now the stage has been set by the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions for the presentation of a new demand upon the employers for another wage increase.

Meeting at York on May 20 the Council of the Confederation decided to go ahead with its claim for a 15 per cent wage increase for its three million members in engineering, shipbuilding and ship repairing. The move, if successful, will add something like £125,000,000 to the engineering and shipyard annual wage bill.

A statement by the president of the Engineering and Allied Employers' South Wales Association admitted that the unions were entitled to put forward anything they like for discussion through the industry's negotiating machinery.

But it went on to warn that the latest move could bring "nothing but disaster to many firms and their workers." To raise costs by increasing wages would be asking for trouble at a time when foreign competition was getting tougher.

The statement said that no other course was open to the employers but to resist demands that would raise the industry's costs by tens of millions of pounds annually.

**IN NO MOOD**  
In the past engineering firms had gone so far as they dared to meet the unions' claims and they dared not go further. The statement concluded by saying the unions should abandon "this unrealistic demand without further ado."

But the Council was apparently in no mood to listen to such advice. Two amendments to the proposal, that the unions should go ahead with their demands, got nowhere. One called for a 15 per cent increase. It got 15 votes. The other called for a "realistic" percentage increase with an output bonus based on the annual increases in the industry's productivity and a cost-of-living scale. This move found a second but not one vote.

There now seems little hope that the industry can avoid a repetition of last year's wage struggle when the unions called for another £2 weekly. Then protracted and sometimes bitter negotiations between the unions and the employers resulted in a rise of 7s. 4d. a week. Two months can easily elapse before the men get a reply to their latest claim. After the claim has been presented to the employers an employers' committee will meet with the unions and probably report back to the employers.

Mr H. Botherton, chairman of the Confederation, refused to speculate on what action the Confederation would take. If their claim was turned down, but at an earlier meeting he warned that the unions would have to be strong, because there would be stiff resistance. The possibility of industrial action had to be considered, he said. Leaders of some of the 35 unions in the Confederation have since told their members to stand firm in defence of the claim. —Reuter.

## Metal Workers Praised

### Morale Impresses U.S. Observers

A striking appreciation of labour in the British pressed metal industry is contained in the report of a United States team which visited Britain in the summer of 1951 under the auspices of the Anglo-American Council on Productivity.

The unions, say the team, are strong, responsible, experienced, and respected. Relations between the employers and the unions appear to be at a high level of friendliness and cordiality. The individual workers are responding with a maximum effort and intelligent co-operation to the drive to increase productivity in their plants. As a whole, their physical effort is greater than that of the Americans, whose effort, however, mechanical aids make more effective.

The team mentions two national factors which it regards as largely responsible for high morale locally. First, every British citizen knows that his country's very existence depends upon the production of enough manufactured goods for export to maintain a favourable balance of foreign trade. Secondly, there is the feeling that, to a greater extent than ever before, whatever goods and services remain in the country are being more equitably divided among the whole population.

**WORKING CONDITIONS**  
The report says that one field where British industry stands well ahead of the United States is in the matter of improving working conditions, and consequently, productivity, through the maintenance of excellent welfare programmes and good working conditions.

The view is taken that the contribution of the workers in the pressed metal industry to increased productivity is close to the optimum.

Factors favouring productivity are: national patriotism, full employment, equality of sacrifice in an austere economy, management's bargaining in good faith, controlled incentive pay system, decent working conditions, representation in departmental management, a willingness to accept technological changes, and union and company education programmes.

**PRIMARY NEED**  
Another point observed by the team was that managers were younger than those in comparable positions in the United States but carried almost equal responsibility. Many were under 40 and had reached their positions by working up through the factory by ability and were not in any way contented with ownership. In Britain any person capable of being a top-flight executive had a reasonable chance to become one.

Points of criticism were that there was a comparative lack of cost-consciousness, insufficient standardization, insufficient use of motion study, restrictive safety rules, and generally, that the primary need was more efficient use of man-power.

The team suggests that an industry-sponsored interchange of men would provide the Englishman with a clearer insight and understanding of the United States' enthusiasm for productivity, and would impress upon the American the English pride in craftsmanship and the importance of maintaining high quality levels.

## Britain, Germany Agree

### Progress Towards Convertibility

Anglo-German economic talks at ministerial level just finished in London have reached general agreement on the necessary conditions for progress towards convertibility of currencies and removal of trade restrictions.

Announcing this, the British Treasury said that these conditions were sound internal financial policies, the pursuit of good creditor policies by creditor countries, and availability of adequate financial support.

These two last conditions evidently refer respectively to United States trade policies, of the International Monetary Fund, which the United States, as the largest contributor to the fund, has the dominant voice.

Main purpose of the talks was to enable the West German Ministers to discuss with the British Ministers the proposals for freer world trade and payments, as presented to the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation in Paris last March.

Other economic matters of interest to both countries were also discussed. The Treasury said, in particular it was agreed that the encouragement of exports by artificial incentive schemes distorted the pattern of trade and impaired free competition. The two governments would consult further to secure co-operation with other governments towards securing the progressive elimination of such schemes on an international basis.

The communiqué made no mention of the question of sterling being quoted on the new West German foreign exchange market and of the D-mark being quoted in London.

### READY

The export incentive schemes referred to include rebates to exporters and exceptionally long-term credit facilities to overseas buyers. Britain has denied that she operates such schemes. In West Germany the use of export rebates is said to have greatly diminished lately.

Germany is understood to be ready to drop such incentives altogether. If other countries would agree to do so.

The talks with Germany are part of a series of discussions Britain is holding with the leading West European countries on the implications of the monetary and exchange arrangements. These have never been disclosed in detail but they aim at the eventual convertibility of sterling and the freeing of world trade. Mr Butler is believed to hope that the discussions will obtain support for the proposals, and that the leading continental currencies convertible at the same time as sterling. —Reuter.

## Small Yards In Japan Suffering

Tokyo, June 1.  
Small Japanese shipbuilders, faced by mounting costs and loss of shipping contracts, are being frozen out by cutbacks in the current shipbuilding programme, the Journal of Commerce and Industry reported.

The magazine said that last October was the peak month of the shipbuilding boom, with 42 of the 52 shipyards in 20 major shipyards occupied.

By February, however, "the number of idle shipyards exceeded those in a few shipyards will be engaged up to 50 per cent of their capacity... If this situation remains unimproved till next August, all the shipyards will be vacant."

The magazine said that competition among shipbuilders has increased sharply in a scramble for available contracts. "Strict screening by the Development Bank eliminated the smaller shipyards. As a result, the Mitsubishi shipyards succeeded in securing orders while all smaller shipyards were rejected."

"Shipping companies are now refraining from construction of new vessels in view of the lowering of freightage in the recent shipping slump." The magazine said that competition from European shipyards, together with high costs in Japan, is seriously affecting the Japanese industry. One big advantage held by Japanese shipbuilders had been quick delivery of built ships. European yards now likewise have speeded up their construction. —United Press.

## EXPLORATION FOR NATURAL GAS IN U.K.

### Council To Conduct Search

The Gas Council is to conduct a large-scale exploration for deposits of natural gas in Britain. This was disclosed by Colonel Sir Harold Smith, chairman of the Gas Council, when he addressed a meeting of the Institution of Gas Engineers.

Arrangements for the exploration are now under discussion between the Gas Council and the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company. The exploration is expected to be spread over five years.

Sir Harold said that the Gas Council decided last year to consider the possibility of finding natural gas in Britain, and engaged the help of Dr G. M. Lees, chief geologist of the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company, any magnitude would be of immense value to our national economy, and it is suggested that prospecting, where there is any possible hope of success, should continue to receive vigorous support.

**ENCOURAGING ADVICE**  
"Dr Lees' advice," he said, "is sufficiently encouraging to have caused the Gas Council to express its willingness to conduct a large-scale exploration for natural gas."

Sir Harold pointed out that there was, of course, no guarantee that gas would be found in any commercial quantity. But it was important to remember that so far, when borings had been made, these had been made with the object of finding oil, and no serious attempt had been made to look for natural gas. It was interesting to note that gas might possibly be found separately from oil.

"What the result will be, of course, none of us can yet say," said Sir Harold. "If we are successful the benefits accruing to the consumers of gas may well be considerable. If we are not, at any rate we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that we have not neglected to take advantage of an opportunity of trying to find new supplies of gas."

### USING PRICE

Sir Harold underlined the need to undertake such a search for new sources of gas, by pointing to the decreasing supply of good gas-making coal, and the rapidly increasing cost of coal.

In December, 1951, he pointed out, the price of coal was increased by an amount which added approximately £9m. to the gas industry's annual coal bill. In March, 1953, another increase in the price of coal added a further £8m. a year, while in December, 1952, an increase in rail charges added £2m. a year.

One effect of these increases had been to increase the differential between the price charged for gas and the price charged for other fuels. "The total increase," said Sir Harold, "is such as is tending to make gas non-competitive with other fuels not derived from coal, particularly for industrial purposes, while at the same time upsetting the competitive balance between gas and coke and other fuels derived from coal."

### U.S. RESOURCES

The report on an Anglo-American productivity team on the gas industry, published on May 11, emphasised the need for the discovery of other sources of gas supply. "Although there are no appreciable known reserves of natural gas in Great Britain," it said, "a discovery of



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